



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
REGION II
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ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30333-0193

June 5, 1996

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CAL No. 2-96-008

Urps Iron and Metal Company
ATTN: Mr. Carl Urps, Owner
Davy, West Virginia 24828

SUBJECT: SECURITY OF RONAN NUCLEAR GAUGE

Dear Mr. Urps:

This is in reference to your possession of a generally licensed Ronan Nuclear gauge containing 500 millicuries of cesium-137. It is our understanding that you came into possession of this gauge as a result of a scrap metal purchase that was not monitored for the detection of radioactive material. We have determined the origin of the gauge and that it was generally licensed to Benafuels, Inc. Benafuels, however, is no longer in existence. Unfortunately, you may not dispose of this gauge through any entity not in possession of either an NRC license or Agreement State license that specifically allows possession of this gauge.

Based on a visit to your facility by Mr. L. Franklin of my staff on April 17, 1996, it is our understanding that you will continue to do the following until this issue is resolved.

1. Maintain the gauge in the concrete block building (previously used as a restroom) with access controls via a lock and key control for the storage area.
2. Maintain a radioactive materials warning sign on the door to the storage area.
3. You will not dispose of the gauge except by transfer to an entity licensed to receive the gauge by the NRC.

The above was agreed to by both Ms. Ruth Ann Urps, Office Manager, and Mr. Gillespie, Office Assistant in discussions with Mr. Franklin.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Sincerely,

Bruce S. Mallett, Director
Division of Nuclear Materials Safety

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